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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S CALL ON FOREIGN  
MINISTER GENSCHER

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS MARCH 10 WITH HERMES WERE SUSPENDED IN LATE AFTERNOON SO THAT HE COULD CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER. LATTER ACCOMPANIED BY HERMES AND INTERPRETER; CHRISTOPHER BY AMBASSADOR AND NYE.
2. AFTER OPENING AMENITIES, CHRISTOPHER SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING GENSCHER IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. GENSCHER RESPONDED THAT TIMING OF HIS WASHINGTON VISIT WAS DEPENDENT ON POSSIBILITY OF FIXING FIRM APPOINTMENT FOR HIM TO SEE PRESIDENT CARTER. DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN MAKING SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT. (SEE LAST PARAGRAPH BELOW FOR FURTHER COMMENT ON GENSCHER'S INTEREST IN MEETING PRESIDENT.)

3. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR TALKS,  
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CHRISTOPHER STRESSED PRESIDENT'S STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN NUCLEAR MATTERS AND HIS DESIRE NOT ONLY TO AVOID PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BUT ALSO THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSION TECHNOLOGY. HE ALSO NOTED BROAD POPULAR SUPPORT GIVEN TO THIS CONCEPT IN US. CHRISTOPHER ALSO REVIEWED LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS WHICH IS EXTREMELY FAR-

REACHING ON MATTER OF EXPORT CONTROLS ON NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, NOTING THAT ADMINISTRATION'S ABILITY TO AFFECT THIS LEGISLATION POSITIVELY IS DEPENDENT ON OUR ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WE ARE WORKING RESPONSIBLY TO RESTRAIN DANGERS OF SPREADING SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY.

4. GENSCHER EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE FRG ATTACHES TO NPT AND TO FRG CREDIBILITY IN FULFILLING OBLIGATIONS IT HAS UNDERTAKEN. HE ALSO REFERRED TO RELATIONS BETWEEN WESTERN COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES OF THIRD WORLD, NOTING CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE PLAYED IN THIS REGARD BY LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. WITH REFERENCE TO FRG-BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT, GENSCHER SAID FRG WOULD IMPLEMENT IT IN SPIRIT OF NPT.

5. DEPUTY SECRETARY AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF NPT, WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR POLICY, BUT SAID WE FEEL IT DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH IN MEETING APPREHENSIONS WE NOW HAVE -- AND WHICH ARE SHARED BY FRG. CHRISTOPHER STATED THAT WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP ENERGY SOURCES, INCLUDING PEACEFUL NUCLEAR POWER, IN A MANNER WHICH WILL GIVE THEM GREATER ASSURANCES OF A REGULAR FUEL SUPPLY AND WHICH WILL NOT INVOLVE ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR

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EXPLOSIVE TECHNOLOGY. WE NEED TIME TO STUDY ALTERNATIVES AND WE HOPE THAT NO IRREVERSIBLE STEPS WILL BE

TAKEN IN THE MEANTIME WHICH COULD AFFECT THE OUTCOME ADVERSELY.

6. GENSCHER THEN REFERRED TO THE STRESS PLACED BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN HIS TALK WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ON THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, NOTING THAT THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE WITH THE OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE FRG. HE WISHED TO ADD HIS OWN CONVICTION OF THE ESSENTIALITY OF THESE TIES AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON. THERE WERE MANY QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS, INCLUDING EAST-WEST RELATIONS, CONTACTS WITH THE THIRD WORLD, AND HUMAN RIGHTS -- A SUBJECT IN WHICH HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED. CHRISTOPHER REFERRED TO FRG PROPOSALS IN UN ON IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANT AND NOTED IMPORTANCE OF US RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN ITS ACTIONS TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS.

7. CONCLUDING, CHRISTOPHER SAID HE FELT THE BONDS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE SO STRONG THAT THEY  
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WILL PERMIT US TO MANAGE ANY DIFFERENCES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN US. GENSCHER IN TAKING LEAVE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY ASKED HIM TO CONVEY HIS WARMEST GOOD WISHES TO SECRETARY VANCE.

8. COMMENT: PRIOR TO MEETING WITH CHRISTOPHER, GENSCHER, IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR EUR/CE ANDERSON, EMPHASIZED IN SERIOUS TONE HIS INTEREST IN SEEING PRESIDENT CARTER, POINTING OUT THAT HE HAS ALWAYS SEEN PRESIDENT ON PREVIOUS TRIPS TO WASHINGTON AND THAT FAILURE TO DO SO ON THIS OCCASION -- HIS FIRST TRIP SINCE ADVENT OF NEW ADMINISTRATION -- WOULD BE INTERPRETED IN FRG AS SIGN OF COOLING IN FRG-US RELATIONSHIP AND WOULD BE LINKED TO NUCLEAR TALKS. HE STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE BUT ABOUT OVERALL IMPRESSION WHICH WOULD BE CREATED IF HE DID NOT HAVE BRIEF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING TALK WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY, GENSCHER MADE SAME POINTS WITH CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS.  
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